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PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

SRI BISNURAM MEDHI.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

- 1 THE HON. SRI K. KAMARAJ, *Chief Minister in charge of Public, Planning and Community Development (including Local Development Works, Women's Welfare, Community Projects and Rural Welfare).*
- 2 THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM, *Minister in charge of Home including Courts and Prisons and Prohibition, Food and Agriculture (including Khadi and Village Industries and Hindu Religious Endowments), Railways, Posts and Telegraphs and Civil Aviation.*
- 3 THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM, *Minister in charge of Finance, Education, Information and Law (including Legislature and Engineering Colleges).*
- 4 THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU, *Minister in charge of Revenue and Public Health.*
- 5 THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN, *Minister in charge of Industries, Labour and Co-operation (including Housing, Commercial Taxes and Nationalised Transport) (Leader of the House).*
- 6 THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN, *Minister in charge of Public Works (excluding Electricity) and Harijan Welfare.*
- 7 THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH, *Minister in charge of Electricity, Transport (including Registration, Accommodation Control, Stationery and Printing and Government Press).*
- 8 THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON, *Minister in charge of Local Administration and Fisheries.*

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

Chairman.

THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN.

Deputy Chairman.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAJ.

Panel of Vice-Chairmen.

- 1 SRI G. R. DAMODARAN.
- 2 DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN.
- 3 SRI M. ETHIRAJALU.
- 4 SRIMATHI K. B. SUNDARAMBAL.

Secretary to the Council.

SRI C. D. NATARAJAN, M.A., B.L.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH THEIR CONSTITUENCIES.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
1 Adityan, S. T. 	Madurai-cum-Ramanathapuram-cum - Tirunelveli-cum-Kanyakumari Local Authorities.
2 Allapichai, A. M., B. A., B.L. 	State Legislative Assembly.
3 Annamalai Pillai, N. 	State Legislative Assembly.
4 Arunachalam, A. J. 	State Legislative Assembly.
5 Arunachalam, T. S. 	State Legislative Assembly.
6 Balasubramanya Ayyar, K., B.A., B.L.	Madras Graduates.
7 Balasundaram, V. S. 	State Legislative Assembly.
8 Cherian, Dr. P. V., M.B.B.S., F.R.F.P.S. (Glas.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.), D.L.O., R.C.S. (Lond.).	Madras Graduates.
9 Chidambaram Mudaliar, A. 	Madurai-cum-Ramanathapuram-cum-Tirunelveli Local Authorities.
10 Chidambaranathan, Dr. A. 	Madras Teachers.
11 Clubwala Jadhav, Mary C. 	NOMINATED.
12 Damodaran, G. R. 	Madras Teachers.
13 Desikar, K. M. 	South Arcot-cum-Tanjore-cum-Tiruchirappalli Local Authorities.
14 Devaraja Mudaliar, T. V. 	Madras-cum-Chingleput-cum-North Arcot Local Authorities.
15 Durairaj, T. 	South Arcot-cum-Tanjore-cum-Tiruchirappalli Local Authorities.
16 Ethirajalu, M. 	State Legislative Assembly.
17 Gajapathy Nayagar, A., B.A., B.L.	State Legislative Assembly.
18 Janakirama Mudaliar, E. 	Madras-cum-Chingleput-cum-North Arcot Local Authorities.
19 Joghee Gowder, T. 	Salem-cum-Coimbatore-cum-Nilgiris Local Authorities.
20 John Asirvatham, M.A., L.T. 	Madras Teachers.
21 Jothi Vencatachellum 	NOMINATED.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
22 Kalyanaraman, S. V.	South Arcot-cum-Tanjore-cum-Tiruchirappalli Local Authorities.
23 Karayalar, L. S.	State Legislative Assembly.
24 Kosalram, K. T.	Madurai-cum-Ramanathapuram-cum-Tirunelveli-cum-Kanyakumari Local Authorities.
25 Krishnamoorthy, G.	Madras Teachers.
26 Krishnamoorthy, T. G., B.A.	State Legislative Assembly.
27 Krishnaswamy Ayyangar, P. S.	State Legislative Assembly.
28 Krishnaswamy Vandayar, A.	State Legislative Assembly.
29 Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Dr. A., M.D., LL.D., D.Sc., D.C.L.	Madras Graduates.
30 Madurai Pillai, P.	Salem-cum-Coimbatore-cum-Nilgiris Local Authorities.
31 Mahomed Usman, Dr., LL. D. B.A.,	NOMINATED.
32 Manjubhashini, S.	NOMINATED.
33 Masilamani Chettiar, A. K.	Madras-cum-Chingleput-cum-North Arcot Local Authorities.
34 Mohamed Raza Khan.	State Legislative Assembly.
35 Muthukannappan, Vidwan T., B.A.	State Legislative Assembly.
36 Nallaswami, B. K.	State Legislative Assembly.
37 Nallasenapathi Sarkarai Manradiar, N.	State Legislative Assembly.
38 Palaniswamy Gounder, V. K.	Salem-cum-Coimbatore-cum-Nilgiris Local Authorities.
39 Patanjali Sastry, M.	NOMINATED.
40 Ponnuswamy Chettiar, S. R. P.	Salem-cum-Coimbatore-cum-Nilgiris Local Authorities.
41 Purushotham, T., B.A.	Madras-cum-Chingleput-cum-North Arcot Local Authorities.
42 Rajan, P. T.	State Legislative Assembly.
43 Ramalingam Pillai, V.	NOMINATED.
44 Ramasamy Gounder, K. M.	Madras Teachers.
45 Ramaswamy, K. V.	State Legislative Assembly.
46 Ramaswami, V. V.	State Legislative Assembly.
47 Ramaswami Reddiar, O. P.	NOMINATED.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
48 Sankaranarayana Pillai, T. S., B.A., B.L.	Madurai-cum-Ramanathapuram-cum-Tirunelveli-cum-Kanyakumari Local Authorities.
49 Saraswathy Pandurangam	NOMINATED.
50 Seshachariar, M.	Madras-cum-Chingleput-cum-North Arcot Local Authorities.
51 Sivanandam, Dr. T. V., M.B.B.S.	Madras Graduates.
52 Sivasubramanya Nadar, S. P. B.A., B.L.	Madurai-cum-Ramanathapuram-cum-Tirunelveli Local Authorities.
53 Somasundara Reddiar, A.	South Arcot-cum-Tanjore-cum-Tiruchirappalli Local Authorities.
54 Sreenivasan, Dr. A., M.R.C.P. (Lond.).	Madras Graduates.
55 Srinivasavaradan, T. P., B.A., L.T.	Madras Teachers.
56 Subramanyam, A.	State Legislative Assembly.
57 Subramania Karayalar, M.	Madurai-cum-Ramanathapuram-cum-Tirunelveli-cum-Kanyakumari Local Authorities.
58 Sudarsanam Naidu, M. V.	South Arcot-cum-Tanjore-cum-Tiruchirappalli Local Authorities.
59 Sundarambal, K. B.	NOMINATED.
60 Surendram, V. M.	State Legislative Assembly.
61 Thiagaraja Reddiar, P. B. K.	Salem-cum-Coimbatore-cum-Nilgiris Local Authorities.
62 Venkataraman, R. (<i>Minister— Leader of the House</i>).	State Legislative Assembly.



THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Thursday, the 5th February 1959.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF DR. V. K. JOHN, MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with deep regret that I have to report to the House the sudden death of Dr. V. K. John, a Member of this House, on the night of 17th December 1958 at his residence in Nungambakkam, Madras.

Born on July 20, 1893, Dr. V. K. John had his education at Tripunithura High School, Kerala State, and later at the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, and Christian College, Madras. He graduated in Law at Madras and set up practice at Ernakulam for a few years. He then proceeded to England for further studies where he was called to the Middle Temple, London. He passed the Bar Examination with first class honours and obtained the Doctorate of Laws in the University of London. He set up practice at Madras and within a few years built up a very lucrative practice. He was elected to the Bar Council, Madras, in 1938. He was elected to the Legislative Council in 1946 and continued to be a Member till 1950. He became the Leader of the Opposition in the pre-Constitution Council. He was returned to the Legislative Council in 1953 from the Assembly Constituency and again in 1954 from the Graduates Constituency. He was the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Council till recently.

He played a notable part as a Member of this House and took a very keen and active part in the discussions, debates and deliberations in the House. He was a fearless critic. His sudden and sad death is indeed a loss to this House.

I now, therefore, move the following Condolence Resolution :—

'This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Dr. V. K. John, a Member of this House, and conveys its profound sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.'

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I rise to associate the Government with the sentiments of sorrow which you have expressed on the demise of one of our very valued colleagues, late Dr. John. I came to know him as a junior at the Madras Bar and I had the privilege of appearing with him as well as against him. Dr. John brought to bear on the work which he undertook a stubborn independence of thought and he always impressed those before whom he had to make his points. As a legislator, Dr. John was of a very high and superior class. He studied the papers thoroughly and his interventions were always fruitful. On occasions when he had been bitterly critical of the Government, he always sat down with a smile which wiped out all that he had said in the course of his speech. The Government always appreciated the strong, effective and forceful presentation of the several points of view which Dr. John always did before this House.

Sir, this House has suffered a very great loss in the demise of Dr. John and I associate the Government with the motion which you have just now moved.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is with a deep sense of sorrow that I associate myself with the motion that has been made by you. The passing away of Dr. John is a great loss to the Council, especially to this side. Apart from being one of our leaders at the Bar, he was also an asset to public life of the country. He brought to bear upon his duties a very singular characteristic which marked all his activities. He was free from any prejudices, any parochialism, any communalism or even regionalism. Though a citizen originally of the Kerala State, he later became a citizen of Madras and continued his devoted loyalty to the Madras State. He forgot entirely that he was a Malayalee and he associated himself entirely with all the activities of the citizens of our State. Apart from being a public worker in political life, he also contributed a great deal to social work in our State—that may not be known to many. He was President of a Welfare Association which was started for the purpose of giving relief to the poor on various occasions and he did very good work there. He parted also very generously with his money, his hard-earned money as a lawyer. A most distinguishing characteristic of Dr. John was that he brought to bear upon his work very hard industry, thinking and also powers of expression. All these three were markedly noticed in his work in the Legislative Council. I had the privilege to be associated with him in the year 1952 and we had frequent consultations on many matters. I always found that he had a grip of all the facts bearing on any particular problem. He worked hard and wanted to know the realities before he presented his case. Of course, he used very strong language in his criticisms on certain occasions, but it left no heart-burnings behind. He was very cordial in his relations with the Members of the Treasury Bench.

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and he used to crack jokes with them. He was a lovable personality and a loyal friend and his death is a great loss to this Council. On many occasions we shall remember him with affection and gratitude.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I request you all to stand in silence for a few minutes and pass the Resolution unanimously.

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for a few minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I now adjourn the House for the day as a mark of respect to the late Dr. V. K. John and the House will meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.



